

## RESPONSE

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the discussion with the Examiner on July 14, 2004 in which the foregoing claims and proposed amendments were discussed.

Specifically, the foregoing amendments were made to overcome the concerns of the Examiner with respect to the functional language in the claims. The amended claims affirmatively recite the structure that distinguishes the claimed invention from the Doran '799 prior art reference.

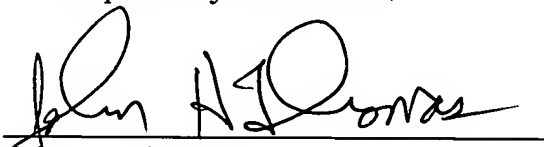
Applicant now submits that the claims are sufficiently distinguished from the Doran reference to overcome any anticipation rejection. Further, the physical structure of the claimed invention is substantially different from the structure shown and described in the Doran reference.

Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested hereon.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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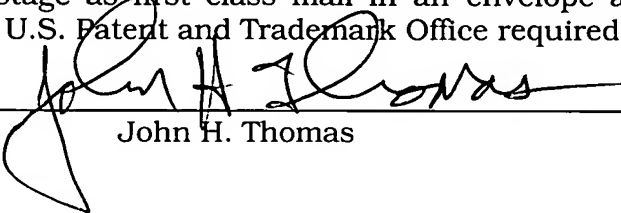
  
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